



Biography

Nebraska Air National Guard

Colonel Jon F. Fago



Colonel Jon F. Fago is the Commander of the 155th Operations Group of the 155th Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard at Lincoln, Nebraska. The wing contributes to the Air Force Global Reach mission by supporting U.S. and allied military forces worldwide with aerial refueling and transportation of passengers and cargo.

Col Fago began his career with an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Col Fago graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1979 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Col Fago attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB, TX, and completed initial KC-135A training at Castle AFB, CA. Col Fago was assigned to the 28th Air Refueling Squadron, 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth AFB, SD. As a member of the 28th ARS he held jobs as copilot, instructor copilot, aircraft commander, instructor pilot, training flight instructor pilot and chief of the KC-135 simulator. He returned to Castle AFB, CA three times for training as an Aircraft Commander, an Instructor Pilot and as a Graduate of the SAC Instrument Flight School. He also flew over 300 hours as a T-38 pilot in the Accelerated Copilot Enrichment program.

In 1985, Col Fago was board selected as one of the first crewmembers for the KC-10 program. He attended American Airlines training and was assigned as a KC-10 aircraft commander to the 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, LA. While assigned to Barksdale AFB, Col Fago upgraded to instructor pilot and was assigned to Training Flight and Chief of the Instrument School. He also held jobs as Wing Standardization/Evaluation Pilot and Squadron Scheduler. In 1988, Col Fago separated from active duty and joined the 78th Air Refueling Squadron, 142nd Air Refueling Group at Barksdale AFB, LA. As a member of the 78th ARS, he held jobs as KC-10 evaluator/instructor pilot in training flight and in standardization/evaluation. In 1994, Col Fago joined the Nebraska Air National Guard as a KC-135R pilot. He again returned to Castle AFB, CA to requalify in the KC-135. In the Nebraska Air National Guard, Col Fago served as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot, standardization/evaluator pilot, Assistant Flight Commander, Flight Commander and Operations Officer in the 173rd Air Refueling Squadron. In July of 1996, he assumed duties as the Chief of Training in the 155th Operations Support Flight. As the Operations Officer and acting Squadron Commander, he was instrumental in the PACER CRAG conversion and directing the increased operations following 9/11. In May 2001, Col Fago assumed command of the 173rd Air Refueling Squadron. During his command the unit has continued operations in OEF and ONE, and participated in flying operations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Col Fago assumed command of the 155th Operations Group in January 2004.

EDUCATION

1979	BS in Aeronautical Engineering US Air Force Academy
1984	Squadron Officers' School Correspondence
1984	Marine Corps Command & Staff College Correspondence
1984	Squadron Officers' School In Residence Course
1987	MS in Safety & Systems Management University of Southern California,
1997	Air Command & Staff College Correspondence
2002	Air War College Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 1979-Aug 1980 – Undergraduate Pilot Training Student Pilot, 64th Student Squadron, Reese AFB, TX
2. Aug 1980-Dec 1980 – KC-135A Initial Pilot Qualification, 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Castle AFB, CA
3. Dec 1980-Jul 1985 – KC-135 Training Flight Instructor Pilot, 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD
4. Jul 1985 – Dec 1988 – KC-10 Evaluator Instructor Pilot, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
5. Dec 1988-Aug 1994 – KC-10 Evaluator Instructor Pilot, 78th Air Refueling Squadron (Reserve Associate) Barksdale AFB, LA
6. Aug 1994-Sep 1995 – KC-135R Pilot, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, NE
7. Sep 1995-Jul 1996 - KC-135R Aircraft Commander, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, NE
8. Jul 1996-Mar 1998 – Chief of Training, 155th Operations Support Flight
9. Mar 1998-Mar 1999 - 155th Operations Support Flight Commander
10. Mar 1999-Jan 2004 - 173rd Air Refueling Squadron Commander
11. Jan 2004 -Present - 155th Operations Group Commander

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: >5000

Military Aircraft Flown: T-41C, T-33A, T-37A, T-38A, T-1A, KC-135A/Q/R, KC-10A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organization Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Campaign with one oak leaf cluster

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one silver oak leaf

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hour glass and mobilization device

Air Force Training Ribbon

PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant 30 May 1979

First Lieutenant 30 May 1981

Captain 30 May 1983

Major 30 May 1993

Lieutenant Colonel 14 Mar 1999

Colonel 13 Dec 2003